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IN THE COURTS

Woman stole \$70,000

Woman stole \$70,000 from sister

A 30-year-old woman who helped herself to \$70,000 of her sister's money to buy drugs has been ordered to pay the money back - at \$100 a month.

Kelli-Ann Smith pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of theft over \$5,000. She was sentenced before Judge S. Van de Veen on Dec. 8.

The accused was living with her parents in Olds when she found the combination to the safe in the home, court heard August 25. Inside the safe was money owned by her sister.

Over a period of time the accused took money from the safe and used it to support a drug addiction.

Some of the money was later stolen by a second party, court heard.

"People like you cannot control their actions when drugs are involved," said Judge Van de Veen. "I'm very sympathetic to the victim."

The judge handed Smith a two year conditional sentence, which includes a strict curfew and an order of compensation in the amount of \$70,000.

Man got into accident with woman's car

A drunk and stoned man who took a woman's rental car without her permission and proceeded to smash it into another vehicle in Carstairs has been jailed.

Eric Flinton, 22, pleaded guilty to taking a vehicle without owner's consent, driving without insurance and impaired driving in October. He was sentenced on Dec. 10.

The accused took the car, which had been rented by the girlfriend of an acquaintance, on Oct. 18, court heard.

Sometime later, the man went through a yield sign and smashed into another vehicle in the intersection.

The accused admitted he had been drinking liquor and smoking marijuana prior to the incident, court heard.

In October the judge fined Flinton \$2,825 on the no insurance charge, and \$920 on the impaired driving charge.

On Dec. 10 the judge sentenced Flinton, who spent 40 days in predisposition custody, to one day in jail and ordered him to pay compensation on the take vehicle charge.

Man jailed for possession stolen truck

A man who took a truck from an Edmonton woman even though he knew it was

stolen has been jailed.

Michael Mengersen pleaded guilty on Dec. 10 to charges of possession of stolen property, and three counts of failing to attend court.

The accused was arrested in Olds early on the morning of March 1 when a patrolling police officer noticed a suspicious vehicle, court heard.

Mengersen admitted to the officer that the van was stolen. He failed to show up for subsequent court appearances.

The judge sentenced him to three months in jail on the possession charge and an additional 60 days on the failing to comply charges.

Drunk driver turned in by citizen

A 42-year-old man who was arrested on Highway 2 last month after a citizen phoned the police to report an erratic driver has been convicted of drunk driving.

George Hobbs pleaded guilty on Dec. 10 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was located and stopped along the roadway on the evening of Nov. 7, court heard.

His blood alcohol level at the time was 160 mg per cent, or two times the legal limit.

Hobbs has a previous drunk driving conviction dating from 1991.

"It's too bad you didn't learn your lesson that time," the judge said.

Hobbs was fined \$1,092 and prohibited from driving for one year.

Man defied court order

A man who failed to abide by a court order that he take counselling has been fined more than \$1,000.

Shawn Stuart Taylor pleaded guilty to a charge of breaching probation.

The accused was placed on probation following a drunk driving conviction in 2002, court heard. He did not take counselling ordered under the probation.

The judge fined the man \$1,150.

Youth avoids conviction in threats case

A 16-year-old boy charged with threatening to harm the girlfriend of an acquaintance after a cheque cashing scheme went wrong has avoided a criminal conviction.

The youth, who cannot be named, also faced a charge of extortion.

The boy went to the complainants home after a cheque he cashed for the girl's boyfriend was held by his bank.

The boy agreed to sign a peace bond, agreeing to stay away from the complainant and four other individuals named by the court.



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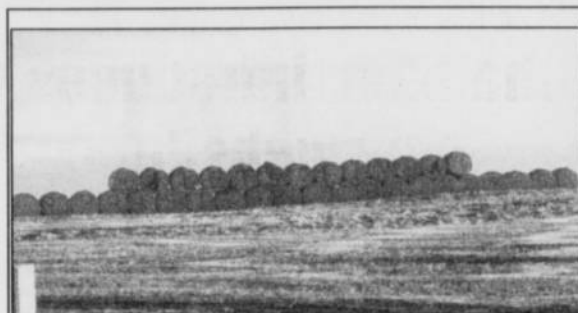


photo by Tamara Collins

The meaning of Christmas

On the intersection of Highway 2A and Highway 582, Tom and Carol Hadway have painted their hay bales. The hay bales read, "Let's Find Christ In Christmas". It is important for everyone to remember what Christmas is really about.

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NEWS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Chamber introduces new website

by Tamara Collins

At the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce Christmas party, Thursday night, the Chamber unveiled their new website.

Kathleen Windsor of Windsor Graphics, and Technology Committee member, Grant Hemming, presented the website to all members and guests, and walked them through a tour of it.

"The Chamber designed the website with their members in mind," said Hemming. "We want to continue building communication channels with the entire business community of Didsbury, and this web presence will help do that for us."

The website was designed with five main sections, each section complemented with photos depicting the business sector of Didsbury. The five sections are, Home, About us, Membership, Events, Location, and Links.

The home page of the website welcomes visitors, and shares with them their goals. "Our aim is to increase communication within

our business community and beyond. We intend to keep our members informed on Chamber activities, as well as keeping the community as a whole aware of our plans to help "build a strong future on a solid past".

Visitors of the website will be kept up to date on all upcoming Chamber events, including meetings, the spring Trade Show, and Small Business Week activities. Residents and visitors will see a complete Member Directory, and links to local websites. The website also showcases the community as a whole, encouraging enterprises to make Didsbury their business location of choice.

"We are very excited about being able to offer our members a website they can call their own," said President Vern Good. "This website will help members stay up-to-date on Chamber happenings and special programs, and gives us another opportunity for improving our own customer service to Didsbury's business community."

The new website's address is www.didsburychamber.ca.

Radio man guilty

by Dan Singleton

A man who used a two-way radio to interfere with a Sundre track meet last May has been handed a suspended sentence.

Alphonse Frocklage was convicted of interference with property following a trial in Didsbury provincial court on Dec. 3.

Testifying for the Crown, high school principal Ray Hoppins said teachers, administrators and volunteers were using two-way radios to run the track meet on May 27.

During the meet, someone unconnected with the school event made several transmissions, saying, in part: "There is a black bear on Snake Hill" and "You're not on school property... there's nothing that can be done", court heard.

Snake Hill is a heavily-wooded recreation area adjacent to the school track and field facility where the Grade 7 to 9 track meet was taking place.

The caller also said he was going to report

Hoppins to police for "impersonating a police officer" over the radio, Hoppins testified.

Hoppins heard the messages and recognized the voice as that of the accused, he said.

The calls interfered with the running of the track meet and kept Hoppins away from classes, he said.

Sundre high school Vice Principal Daryl Brown testified the unauthorized radio messages interfered with the running of the track meet.

Sundre RCMP Const. Jim Lank attended the meet and testified he heard the voice over the radio.

Lank asked the radio caller to identify himself and the caller identified himself as Frank Miller.

Lank later searched Snake Hill area but found no one, he said.

The Crown argued the unauthorized radio traffic unlawfully interfered with the school function. The defence argued that identification of the caller was not adequately established.

The accused was convicted

and handed a one year suspended sentence, including probation.

If the accused fails to remain in good standing with the court during the period of the suspended sentence, he can be brought back to court for further disposition.

Meanwhile, a 17-year-old boy pleaded guilty in Didsbury youth court on Monday to a charge of mischief.

The boy, who cannot be named, also used a radio to interfere with the track meet, said Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott.

The judge handed the accused a one year suspended sentence, including a provision that he make a \$400 charitable donation to the school's track program.

Following court, Const. Lank said, "the police and school take this matter very seriously."

"It was inappropriate behaviour. This type of behaviour is not going to be tolerated. Hopefully this will serve as specific and general deterrent to both students and others."

Victoria's Flowers & Gifts



Victoria's Flowers and Gifts has opened just in time for Christmas. With a new location on Main Street in Didsbury, you can't miss it, and can't help but to go in and look around.

Once called Countryside Florist, the name and location aren't the only changes this store has made. The store now features a large walk-in cooler; customers can go in and create their own unique flower bunches.

"We would like to welcome back all our old customers," said Gord Fulton, new owner. "We would also like to welcome new customers. Our store has taken a new direction appealing to a wider variety of tastes."

All the old staff from Countryside are now back and working at Victoria's, Sandi Anderson, Donna Stuckless and Karen Baudistel.

With the extra room in the new store, Victoria's will be expanding their tropical plants, selling larger ones, and also offering more gardening supplies, and a larger variety of exotic flowers.

"We want to have a stronger presence in the community," said Fulton. "If people don't see something they want, they can ask and we will try and get it in."

Flowers and plants aren't the only thing

Victoria's sells. They also sell many different unique gifts for all occasions.

"It has been a dream of mine to own my own business for so long," said Fulton. "I love meeting, and talking to people in the community. There is so much support in this town. Everyone wants to help."

Victoria's will feature demonstrations, like this past Saturday afternoon, when people met at the store and were taught to make a Christmas wreath.

"We will feature guest designers, and teach people to make great gifts or arrangements," said Fulton, "then sell them the materials for a discounted price."

Senior discounts will also be offered. The store's hours are Mon. to Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Our prices are a little lower," said Fulton. "We realize flowers aren't a necessity, but we want people to be able to enjoy them."

Victoria's will change with the season, always displaying flowers reflecting the time of year.

"I just want everyone to feel very welcome," said Fulton. "Feel free to come in and look or just visit."

Victoria's is named after Fulton's daughter.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

New Year's Resolution



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

I remember when I was little what Christmas felt like for me. As I read through the letters to Santa, that all comes back to me. Each letter is so unique, filled with personality, and hope. Each spelling mistake makes me smile. Many children also included in their letters what their parents want, clearly understanding that adults don't write their own letters. As we grow up many people lose the uniqueness children possess. We try to be like others, we want what they

have. It's a world with so many people, it can be hard to know what it is we want, and what we are wanting because others want it. What our dreams are. In a perfect world dreams would grow bigger as we grow bigger, but instead we lose sight of them.

I recently found a dream list I made when I was 12. I laughed and laughed as I read it. I wanted to live on the beach in a house with big windows. I wanted to run by the ocean every morning. I wanted to stay single for a long time. I wanted to be a writer (first check mark). The list goes on... I hadn't made a dream list for years, but that night I sat down and made one. I was amazed at how good I felt during the process. The list was quite long. My New Year's resolution is to start doing things to make those dreams a reality. What a better time to get your dreams and goals down on paper, and start making things happen. Soon it will be 2004! Let's make it count. Next year at this time we can sit down with our lists, and cross things off, and feel great. Life is too long to do nothing, and too short to waste time.

Happy New Year to all!



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Wonderings of the heart

"The Reason for the Season"

With Christmas fast approaching, where is our focus, is it to get those Christmas letters and cards written and off in the mail; those last minute decorations, gifts, perhaps for someone 'who has everything'; lists for Christmas dinner, and time to buy all the necessary items for those yummy meals ahead.

These are all necessary, they're not bad, they are thoughtful, caring; they are fun, and enjoyable, but sometimes very stressful, and time consuming.

We need to ask the question "Is our focus on all these seemingly important things, or do we need to be reminded to focus on the 'Reason for the Season' - that this is indeed a time to celebrate the birth of Christ, the greatest gift ever given, love coming down at Christmas."

Also, in the midst of our celebrations we need to be mindful of the needs of others, those so much less fortunate than we, that have seemingly nothing to look forward to, that perhaps at this time of year is the loneliest, hardest time of the year for them; often when people have been faced throughout the year with heavy trials and testing, Christmas can be a very difficult time for them. Do we have time for them, are we sensitive to their cry and need?

Let us remember the "One" who was not born in a castle, but in a stable; who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give His life for a ransom for many.

There was no room for the Christchild in the "Inn". Is there room in the Inn of our hearts? May this Season be a special one for each one of us, loving, caring, enjoying family times and reaching out to those less fortunate. God bless you all.

Alberta's grain producers, an intelligent bunch

They are directly responsible for the \$2 billion provincial crop production industry, a consistent economic driver in Alberta.

They make complex operation decisions. They decide what seeds to plant, what farm equipment is needed, what herbicides and fertilizers to use, and when to harvest.

They make complex business decisions. They decide how to finance their operation, how to manage their risk, and what partnerships are viable. They develop business plans and have business goals. They market their product.

Of course, they're only allowed to market the grains not controlled by the Canadian Wheat Board's monopoly. Alberta's producers have no marketing choice - no ability to make individual business decisions - when it comes to selling their wheat and barley for processing or exporting. In western Canada, the Canadian Wheat Board is

the only legal buyer and seller.

Have Albertans chosen to have their wheat and barley controlled by the wheat board monopoly? Does the wheat board continually maximize farmer returns, as they so often claim? Does the monopoly system enable Albertans, farmers in particular, to build on opportunity?

The answer is decidedly no.

Federal legislation dating back to the 1940s gives the Canadian Wheat Board its monopoly powers over wheat and barley marketing. The federal government appoints five of the 15 wheat board directors, and elections for the other 10 directorships are only held every four years. Because of flaws in the election process, elected directors repeatedly fail to adequately reflect the views of Alberta's farmers.

It's a myth that the CWB can maximize producer's returns. One only has to look at global prices to know that opportunities are being missed. Wheat prices spiked

last fall, but the wheat board was already out of the wheat market. Last year, Canadian maltsters had to import their malt barley while locally grown malt quality barley was being sold as feed. Every time the wheat board does a poor job of marketing, it affects the bottom line of Alberta's producers.

The Canadian Wheat Board is also blocking many lucrative marketing opportunities. The lack of marketing choice is holding back value-added development opportunities, as interested investors won't invest in Alberta if they are tied to one supplier and a formula-based pricing system. 'Marketing choice' would change this.

Producers want the opportunity to make the business decisions that work for them, not for the Canadian Wheat Board. It's a right the Alberta government will fight for.

Sincerely,
Shirley McClellan
Deputy Premier and
Minister



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Grandparents want to spend time with the children too

If you asked most grandparents today what they want for Christmas, the one answer you are sure to get is, "I want to spend time with my family and I want to see my grandchildren." Most grandparents are looking forward to just that -- the holidays so that they can spend time with their families, particularly their grandchildren. Without a doubt they know they will get to hold them, hug them, kiss them and much more.

There are many grandparents out there, however, who aren't as fortunate.

For them Christmas is a reminder that they won't get to share in the grandparent experiences of others. Because of divorce, separation, limited finances, proximity, or familial problems, they are denied access to their grandchildren.

Evelyn is one such case. For most of her life, she believed in family, working hard to bring stability to her home, by doing the things most mothers did then - she stayed home to raise her kids.

As most mothers do, she brushed her kids' teeth and bathed them; she read to them and took them to the library; she took them to the park and took them for swimming lessons, all the while thinking that raising a family was its own reward. The thought never occurred to Evelyn that someday she would never get to see her grandkids.

In Evelyn's case, her daughter rebelled as a teenager and started running away with what the principal called, "the wrong kind of friends." Once she started running away, there was no bringing her back for good. Evelyn did everything in her power to bring her home and get her back into school. She thought, "I'll just do what my own mother did; I will simply go and get her. This never worked."

Ivy finally took off with her friends across the country. Limited in resources and funds, Evelyn found she could not chase after her and once her daughter turned 18, the police told Evelyn they could do nothing.

Time passed and Evelyn lost touch with her daughter. She kept trying to contact her by sending cards and I love you notes to an old address she had with no luck.

Not even her own family knew of Ivy's whereabouts. In that time, Evelyn's marriage fell apart and she discovered that her ex-husband knew where she has been all along and he also knew she was pregnant with Evelyn's first grandchild. She received no birth announce-

ments, no calls, no contact concerning the birth of this baby. She was in the dark about everything.

Christmases passed. Each holiday, as well as Mother's day and other holidays, Evelyn would grieve over the loss of her daughter and now grandchild. She'd see other grandparents at the mall with their grandchildren or on outings at restaurants. She'd see a grandmother shopping with her daughter and grandchildren. The grief was as real as if her daughter had died.

Years later, she discovered through another source that her daughter not only had one grandchild, but three. Sadly enough, she didn't have birth dates, first and last names, addresses. Everything that other grandparents enjoyed concerning their grandkids, she was denied. Everything Evelyn's own parents had enjoyed as grandparents was denied. Not only that, her own unknown grandchildren were denied access to her as a grandmother and to all the aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews they would have known.

Another Christmas has arrived and still Evelyn will spend it knowing deep down in her heart that she won't see her grandkids. Christmas just won't be the same for her.

To help Evelyn cope with her loss, she has joined CANGRANDS, (<http://www.cangrands.com/>) a non-profit organization focused on giving support to grandparents raising grandchildren and those seeking access to family members across Canada.

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Thompson featured speaker at Ontario fundraiser

Myron Thompson, M.P. for Wild Rose was the guest speaker at a fund-raising dinner for the Mississauga Constituency Association in Mississauga, Ontario on December 5, 2003.

Members of the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative Party of Canada gathered together to hear Mr. Thompson speak about the creation of the new united alternative to the Liberal government-the Conservative Party of Canada.

Mr. Thompson, a member of the Reform/Alliance party since 1993 spoke about the evolution and energy of grass roots democracy.

He assured the audience of his commitment to the Cana-

dian Alliance values of free enterprise and fiscal responsibility, social responsibility, and accountability combined with democratic reform and the renewal of our federation as a guide for Members of Parliament and the new Conservative Party of Canada.

Mr. Thompson received an enthusiastic applause when he said, "We have a conservative movement to rebuild and, far more importantly, we have a country to be restored."

Thompson toured several ridings north of Toronto and was impressed by the enthusiasm and quality of the people seeking nomination to run for the new party in the next election.

When advised of the positive

results of the votes to amalgamate the two parties, an enthusiastic Mr. Thompson said, "This clearly indicates a turning point in our history and I encourage all members of both parties to renew their membership with the new Conservative Party and invite like-minded Canadians to come aboard."

Make an effort to be a delegate at the founding convention to be held in the very near future."

Thompson stated, "It is a great opportunity to voice your opinion as to what kind of country you want Canada to become. Soon there will be a leadership race and I hope people will become involved and get behind the candidate of their choice."

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Christmas Helpers say thank you to all those who have helped this year

Dear Editor,

This is the last time this year that I will be able to thank those who worked so hard to make the Christmas Helper program a success. But it is also my final reminder to make sure the residents of Didsbury take a moment and think of their neighbours.

Do you know of someone who could use some help this Christmas?

Have you been able to contribute to help purchase turkeys and non perishable food?

Your reply to these questions can be made to Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Tues. - Fri. 10:00 - 4:00 at 335-3629. After hours don't hesitate to call Linda Sirt 335-4832 or 335-2378 and leave message. Don't delay, the deadline is Dec. 19 at noon.

Do you have some gifts you would like to be included in the hampers? Gifts for all ages needed. Take your unwrapped gifts to the Post Office. Thanks for your help!

Join the annual gift wrapping at the ZEMC in the Rosebud Valley Sunday Dec. 21 at 2:30 p.m. All ages welcome to help. Come enjoy the Spirit of Christmas that of Giving and working as a team with a common purpose. A good time is enjoyed by all.

Monday Dec. 22 help is needed to make the 90

hampers at 10:00 a.m. at ZEMC.

Finally, if you are alone this Christmas why don't you join the others at the Elks Hall in Didsbury at 1:00 p.m. for a delicious home cooked Christmas dinner lovingly prepared by a group of caring individuals who want to make your Christmas a Christmas to remember. Please bring a wrapped gift for the exchange, your appetite and a smile.

To all groups, individuals, churches, schools & businesses on behalf of those who received hampers this Christmas, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude.

Thanks for taking the time to give, so that those who live within the Didsbury area could have a Christmas to remember.

Thanks for lighting up sparks of joy and hope for a better future in the lives of all who received your gifts of love.

May God shine His love into your hearts as we remember the greatest gift, The birth of Jesus, who came as a baby to take our place.

He is the Saviour and He is my Reason that I continue to do this program. Have a Blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,
Linda Sirt
Christmas Helpers

Christmas message a pleasure to see

Dear Editor,

Surprised!
And pleased, when I saw the unique and probably only Christmas greeting of its kind. Have you seen the "Hay Bale Christmas Greeting," at the junction of highways 582 and 2A? It reads, "Let's find Christ in Christmas."

Thank you Tom and Carol Hadway and family, for making the display which calls each of us to think seriously about Christ and Christmas. I say, if Christ is not in Christmas, then there is no Christmas.

I am filled with joy and peace when I think of the

Christ of Christmas. The angel's announcement, the night of Christ's birth, is true. He said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." St. Luke 2:10 & 14 KJV

Thank you Hadways, for the beautiful challenge you have presented to us.

A blessed and joyous Christmas is my wish to everyone.

Yours sincerely,
N. Willard Swalm

Dear Editor,

Defamation and violation of individual rights by our elected council seems to be their latest tactic for temporary success as a public servant in this County.

Recent defaming of a popular local lawyer, by more than one elected councillor, is to me, another degrading attempt to persecute local citizens.

Accusing Steven Styles of being the author of the wording regarding the building petition and then claiming that he is, "easy to beat", is to me, a defamatory statement the Councillors must apologise to him for.

Mr. Styles did not prepare the wording. He passed the Association's committee on to a legal firm qualified in the field of municipal governance and I believe their corporate legal name, Municipal Law Counsellors Inc. accurately describes their professional expertise.

This County's little band of Councillors need a dose of, "respectful be-

haviour", and I believe the electors in this County are about to spoon out a large portion of it if our Council continues to degrade and dictate against the wishes of the people who trusted them with their vote.

Also, wasting precious time (tax dollars) debating and threatening to ignore

the petition is another public overture that is out of order.

It is the CAO's responsibility to determine if the wording of the petition is binding. I know the Association's advisor has stated, that, he would recommend the CAO get a good lawyer to advice

him. Another suggestion would be for the Council to heed the number of signatures supporting the petition that are apparently over 1200 as of Nov. 30th.

Arnie Shea



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- DP 81-03 1522-23 Avenue Single Family Dwelling with conditions R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 31, 2003 Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

What employers need to know about Alberta's new workplace safety rules.

Alberta is taking action to ensure all workplaces are safe. Our latest step is the adoption of a new Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Code. The new Code will make workplace safety rules more responsive and help to reduce workplace injuries.

As an employer, it is your responsibility to obtain a copy of the new OHS Code and ensure that your company is in compliance by April 30, 2004.

To obtain your copy of the new OHS Code, contact the Queen's Printer:

- online at www.gov.ab.ca/qp
- by faxing toll-free at 310-0000, then dialing (780) 452-0668
- by phoning toll-free at 310-0000, then dialing (780) 427-4952



FROM THE MAILBAG

That was then! This is now!

Dear Editor,

My name is Dave Rowden. I am 41, and have suffered from generalized anxiety disorder as long as I can remember. It had totally devastated my life. I constantly worried about everything since childhood until it became part of my personality. I wrongly assumed that excessive worry was normal. As a child I hid in bed before the babysitter came. Intense fear prevented me from concentrating at school or work. Because of fear I accepted unskilled jobs that I often hated. Negative thoughts constantly raced through my head. There were days when I could not leave the house to buy milk. I could not force myself to answer the phone or doorbell for over four years. For many years there were only two days a month when I was not deeply depressed. There were many days I could not work at all. I was prescribed most of the drugs for this illness. They either did nothing or made my condition worse. I thought about suicide almost every day. I did not fear

death, I longed for it to put me out of my mental torment. Is it not ironic that people who suffer from panic attacks want to live, and often their greatest fear is a fear of dying, or going insane, because of the intense physical symptoms they get from trying to look and stay calm in feared situations. The common element between these two illnesses is feelings of lack of control.

Once I found a Calgary support group for anxiety my life began to change. For the first time in my life I saw people like me getting better. The group leader had been cured for over 12 years. I was learning various coping skills, but felt something else was needed. Luckily, my dad bought a 20 tape cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) series, developed by a psychologist that had suffered from this illness for over 20 years. Through the various techniques and strategies learned, my lifetime jail sentence of depression ended. The tapes literally saved my life. I learned that worrying is a bad

habit that can be broken. Medication alone will never cure anxiety disorders, but can be useful as an aid until coping skills are developed, however CBT can cure it. Now that I no longer worry, I focus on the task at hand and enjoy new challenges. Positive thoughts flood my mind, not worry. I look forward to phone calls from my friends. I use one mg. of clonazepam, as an aid, to stop my mind from racing, so I can get a good night's sleep. I expect to do away with this aid and make a full recovery shortly. In the last month I have never been depressed. I can't wait to get up and get on with the day. I am making plans for a support group in Didsbury for people suffering from anxiety disorders.

Meetings will be held every Thursday starting Jan. 8th at the Didsbury Library from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendance is free. For more info. about anxiety disorders call Dave or Pat @ (403) 335-8644.

Dave Rowden

Stop the pattern

Dear Editor,

Should the pattern of voting set at Progressive Conservative Delegate Selection Meetings continue, the number of individuals who will vote on December 6th in favour of the Harper-MacKay Agreement will be so high only one conclusion can be drawn. Those favouring merger with the Alliance successfully carried out an end run around those holding P.C.

Party memberships prior to October 15th.

Claims will be made that those who have sustained the Progressive Conservative Party for a decade, who believed they had elected a 'no merger Leader' simply changed their minds. The reality is Tories have been overwhelmed by a massive influx of new members and a system that did not select delegates in proportion to

the votes cast by Riding members. Rather, as in American Presidential elections where all a states electoral votes can be won by 50% + 1, in riding after riding YES states were elected.

A task in all likelihood made more difficult by Stephen Harper being elected Leader.

Yours truly,
Joe Hueglin



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Didsbury High School Band
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A thank-you also goes out to all the "Block Captains" who helped in getting the store decorations up, and to the merchants & organizations who sponsored a turkey draw and stayed open the evening of November 28, 2003.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Didsbury High alumni donates \$50,000 to school's music department

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury High School was given a \$50,000 Christmas present from a former student, Eldon Foote.

"We are thankful for the donation from Mr. and Mrs. Foote," said Denise Miller,

acting principal, D.H.S. "We are grateful to be the recipients of their generosity. It makes us feel proud that we've been remembered by one of our alumni."

The money was donated to the school to improve their music department.

"The donation will have a tremendous impact on students," said Kirk Wassmer, DHS music teacher. "It is a phenomenal gift."

The money will be used to purchase a top quality baby grand piano and four copper bowl timpani drums.

Wassmer said the school also has plans to purchase specialty jazz instruments, such as a flugel horn, a valve trombone and a new electric piano.

According to Wassmer, the piano is an acquisition that will last a lifetime. The piano's life is estimated to be 100 years.

"Especially

"We are thankful for the donation from Mr. and Mrs. Foote. We are grateful to be the recipients of their generosity. It makes us feel proud that we've been remembered by one of our alumni."


Denise Miller, acting principal, D.H.S.

when our new school is built. We hope to have the kind of facility that allows us to share the piano with our community," said Wassmer.

He added that the drums are also an exciting purchase, and that the copper bowl timpani drums are of a symphony quality.

Foote graduated from the school in 1942, he presently resides on Norfolk Island, in the South Pacific off the north east coast of Australia with his wife Anne.

"It's great that Mr. Foote still feels connected to this community and to our school," said Miller. "It sends a message about the importance of education, and about the high quality of education that has always been present at Didsbury High School."

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Joanne & Staff

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Teach us to refrain from evil
And pursue life with trust and honesty.

On Christmas Day
Allow us to be with friends and family.
On Christmas evening
Bring us to our beds
With grateful thoughts,
Forgiving and forgiven.

Richard Marz, MLA & Jan Marz
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills



NEIGHBORHOOD



photo by Tamara Collins

Handy Donation

Madonna Penner presents a cheque to Dr. Penner for the Lions Handy Bus. The cheque comes from money raised at the Knox United Church Thrift Store.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11

With warm wishes to you and your loved ones at this holy season.

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Getting ready for Santa



photo by Tamara Collins

Ross Ford students stopped by the Review last week to drop off their letters to Santa. They were all very excited, as they continued on to the Post Office to mail them.

O'Come, Let Us Adore Him

During this holy season, we'd like you to join our families and friends in giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of His only son, the Prince of Peace, our Savior, and wish you all a most joyous Noel.

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We feel very blessed as we reflect on the past year and await the New Year in anticipation.

It is our hope that God watches over your household & makes this special time safe & rewarding.

Myron Thompson, M.P.
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Lucky Winner

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The True Christmas Poem

by Jim Smith

C is for the Christ child lying in a manger.
H is for the Holy One who saved us all from danger.

R is to Remember Him who died that we may live.

I is to Inspire us that we may always give.

S is for joyful Songs and sacred hymns that praise.

T is to Thank the Lord for showing us the way.

M is for the Miracles that bless us each day.

A is for the Almighty who always puts us first.

S is for the Shepherd who guides us on earth.

(Edgar Albert Guest, 1881-1959)

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;
He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;

Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,

And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.

He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;

When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part;

He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart.

All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile

And the true reward he's

seeking is the glory of a smile.

Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me

That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

If I had to paint a picture of a man I think I'd wait

Till he's fought his selfish battles and had put aside his hate.

I'd not catch him at his labors when his thoughts are all of self,

On the long days and the dreary when he's striving for himself.

I'd not take him when he's sneering, when he's scornful or depressed,

But I'd look for him at Christmas when he's shining at this best.

Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood;
There are days the worst

that's in him is the master of the good,

But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside

And his petty hates are vanquished and his heart is

opened wide.

Oh, I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me

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Triplets Born to Mr. And Mrs. R. Shantz

Mr. and Mrs. Royden Shantz of the Didsbury district are the proud parents of triplets, two girls and a boy, born in the Calgary Holy Cross hospital on Wednesday, December 8, 1948, and their many friends extend congratulations to them.

The three children are reported to be in good health and are being kept temporarily in incubators at the hospital. They were born at 10:45 a.m., 11:03 a.m. and 11:10 a.m., and the girls weighed four pounds, 3 ounces and three pounds, 3 1/2 ounces respectively, while the boy weighed five pounds, 12 1/2 ounces. This is the first time since 1934 that triplets were born at the Holy Cross hospital, and as far as can be learned they are the first triplets born to a local couple.

Mr. Shantz and Mrs. Shantz who is 21 years old, reside on a farm west of Didsbury.

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Christmas Concert



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Sports

Alberta Winter Games

by Rhonda Hunter

A multi-sport event for Alberta's youth for the enhancement of sport development. The purpose of the AWG is to provide a competitive opportunity for developing athletes, generally 12 - 17 years of age. AWG are a provincial competition and for the Games, Alberta is divided into eight zones.

It is very exciting for us to be able to announce that Didsbury will be the host arena for the Female Hockey Zone 2 team tryouts!! From January 2 - 4, 2004, female hockey players that are registered with Hockey Alberta and who are born between 1988 - 1991 will be invited to attend the tryout camp in Didsbury that will eventually select the top 17 players and 2 goalies to represent Zone 2 in the AWG. It is important to note that many female hockey players who have played on Alberta Winter Games zone teams have gone on to achieve university and college scholarships and to participate on Team Al-

berta and Team Canada.

Each player/goalie will be provided with a weekend of on-ice sessions to try out and these sessions will begin Friday night. The arena will be busy the entire weekend accommodating the camp and girls from as far as Banff, Hanna, High River and Trochu/Olds will attend the camp to participate in skill sessions, fitness sessions, and intersquad games. At the end of the weekend, the evaluators will submit their selections and those talented players will go on to represent Zone 2 at the AWG.

The AWG are being hosted in 2004 in the North Peace Region, with Peace River being the host center. A variety of sports will be highlighted including, but not limited to, hockey, bowling, archery, speed skating, curling, squash, skiing and more. For more information on AWG female hockey call the Hockey Alberta office at 403-335-4277. For more information on the Games for Zone 2 the contact number is 403-297-2708.

Colts lose to Rimbey in strong battle



photo by Mike Irwin

Saturday night the Mountain View Colts played Rimbey, in Rimbey. Rimbey beat the Colts, 7-2. The Colts fought hard, and played strong. Their next home game is on Dec. 20, and they will be playing Three Hills at 8 p.m. at the Memorial Complex.

Zone 2 Alberta Winter Games Try-out Camp Schedule

6 Teams: Blue, Grey, Orange, Black, White, Red

Friday, January 2, 2004

Skills Sessions

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Team Blue and Team Grey

Parent's Meeting 5:30 pm

7:15 - 8:15 pm

Team Black and Team

White

Parent's Meeting 6:45 pm

8:30 - 9:30 pm

Team Orange and Team

Red

Parent's Meeting 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 3, 2004

Skills Sessions

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Team Blue and Team Black

9:45 - 10:45 am

Team Red and Team White

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Team Orange and Team

Grey

12:15 - 1:15 pm Goalie

Session

1:15 - 3:00

Break

Saturday, January 3,

2004 Games 1 - 1 / 2

hour games

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Team Blue vs Team

White

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Team Black vs Team Or-

ange

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Team Grey vs Team Red

Sunday, January 4, 2004

Games 1-1/4 hour

games

8:30 - 9:45 am

Team Orange vs Team

Blue

9:45 - 11:00 am

Team Grey vs Team

White

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Team Red vs Team Black

12:15 - 1:30 pm

Team Orange vs Team

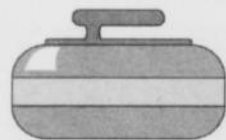
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1:30 - 2:45 pm

Team Black vs Team Grey

2:45 - 4:00 pm

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share.
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The gate of memory will never
close,
We miss you more than anyone
knows.
Life goes on, we know that's true
But it's not the same since we
lost you;
You shared our hopes, our love
and our fears,
Thank you for those wonderful
years."
Loving you forever Mom;
Love your family

MEMORIALS

IN LOVING MEMORY
of **Ted Nelson**,
who passed away
Dec. 23, 1992.
Years go by, time moves on
But loving memories of you
are never gone.
We often long to feel
your caring touch
Or to watch you hold the
granddaughters
you'd love so much.
We hold onto comfort
from up above
Knowing you're watching
over those you loved.
Loved and always missed by
Jayson, Sherri, Taryn and
Keara.

Christiansen - Kelly
Oct. 2 - 1970 - Dec. 15 - 1991
Our thoughts are of
the happy times
When we were all together
The family chain
is broken now
But memories will
live forever
To us he has not gone away
Nor has he travelled afar
Just entered God's
eternal home
And left the door ajar
Always loved and remembered
Grandma Milne

OBITUARY

MARY ELIZABETH BRUNESKI (nee Crane) - passed away quietly at the Olds Hospital on December 5, 2003. Mary was born on August 4, 1922 near Weyburn, Saskatchewan on the family homestead. She was the 6th child of John Alison Crane and Belvia Jeanette (McLarty) Crane. She was predeceased by her mother and father, 2 brothers, John and Mac; and 1 sister Margaret. She leaves to mourn; 1 brother, George Crane of Weyburn; and sisters; Jean Johnston of Weyburn, Doris Gilbert of Calgary, and Edna Crane of Burnaby, B.C., 2 daughters, Janice Fifield (Jim) of Didsbury, Alta., Jacqueline Baldwin (Rick) of Water Valley, Alta., 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and their families, and many good friends. Mary was raised in the country, graduating from business school in Weyburn at age 17. She worked in Weyburn for a few years and moved to Calgary in her early twenties. She was married to Edwin Bruniski in 1946, and was left to raise her two daughters alone a few years later. She began working at Massey Ferguson as Steno/Secretary in 1950 and worked there till her retirement in 1981, and was their Senior Secretary at this time. She continued to live in Calgary after retiring, joining the Second Sixties and volunteering at the food bank. With her friends she went walking, hiking in the mountains, and went to many functions and shows in Calgary. She moved to Didsbury, Alta. at the end of 1998 to be closer to her children, and after her health declined, she was forced to move into a Long-Term Care facility in Olds, Alta. A small family memorial was held at the United Church in Didsbury on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. She will be laid to rest at the cemetery in Weyburn, Sask. in the spring or summer of 2004.

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Christmas Concert

You are invited to attend the Annual Midway Community School Christmas Concert "Once on a House Top". December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Midway School

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Outdoor Live Nativity

December 21, 22, 23 at 7:45 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Hot apple cider, hot chocolate and snacks available in the Church Gym directly following the program.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

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AA

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Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10:11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

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MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2003

SECTION B

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Santa says Didsbury children have been very good this year

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury children have been extra good this year, according to Santa Claus. He visited the newspaper recently to pick up letters children at Ross Ford School wrote him.

After looking over them, Claus commented on what wonderful children lived right here in town.

"Some of the best behaved children are from around here," said Claus. "This is a very special place to live."

As Claus makes his usual rounds this year on Christmas Eve, he mentioned he will be stopping here earlier than usual.

"I want to make sure that these wonderful children get what they want this year," said Claus. "So I will be stopping in Didsbury as soon as possible."

Although Claus will be stopping here earlier than usual, he still won't arrive till well after all the children are asleep.

"I can't very well deliver presents to children who are awake," said Claus. "It loses the magic."

The elves in Claus' workshop have been very busy this past year making presents for all the good children.

These last few days are crucial for them, they must make sure every last detail is covered.

"They have been working so hard this year," said Claus. "With the children being so good this past year, they have had to make more toys than usual."

The reindeer are also ready to go. They have been practicing for the big night since last year.

"Even after all these years of practice, there is always room for improvement," said Claus. "I think that is the same for everyone, people can always do what they do better with practice."

With the big day so close, Claus could only stay for a few minutes.

He did say that everything was in order, and that he truly enjoyed the ride into town with all the beautiful Christmas lights on people's homes.

"Everything looks great," said Claus. "I really feel the Christmas spirit when I enter the town. Christmas lights shine brightly on the houses, and the people look very excited."

Claus thanks all you children who wrote him again this year for your letters. He found it very thoughtful of you all to mention what your parents would like for Christmas.

"It shows that these children are not at all selfish," said Claus. "They want their parents to be happy Christmas morning also."

Before he left Claus mentioned that cookies and milk are always good, but he also enjoys other baked goods, such as pie.

"Leaving me treats is such a wonderful help," said Claus. "It gives me lots of energy to get through the long night. Thank you to all, and Merry Christmas."



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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Jacob Elf

Since September the first, little Jacob Kirk
Had been thinking about Santa Clause.
He was in grade two and he almost knew
That the old Saint was a fraud,
But just in case he hated to say
Anything to his Mom and Dad,
Because presents and such, pleased them very much
And he hated to make them sad.

Two of his friends, Mitchell and Ben,
Said Santa was just a fake.
To prove it they said, they got out of bed
And watched from the top of the stairs.
Where the peeping Toms had seen their Mom
Putting presents out in pairs.
Despite their gawking, they'd not seen a stocking
Being stuffed by human hand
So they had to admit, there might be a bit
Of a chance for Santa Clause
But seeds of doubt had been scattered about,
And that doubt gave Jacob pause.
Supposing said he, that because of me
And my mistrust of the jolly elf,
That Santa won't stop, for my Mom and Pop
And there's nothing beneath the tree
When they open their eyes, there'll be no surprise,
And my fault cause I didn't believe.

I've got to have money. On days bright and sunny
I'll run errands and bathe neighbors' pets.
If it snows I will sweep it, my allowance I'll keep it,
And I'll save whatever I get.

His plan was achieved, by Christmas eve
And his alarm clock was right by his head
At three on the nose, little Jacob arose
Took the gifts out from under his bed,
Then quiet as a mouse, he sneaked through the house,
And approached where the tree lights led.

He'd begun to unpack, when a chill on his back,
Made him think that someone was behind him.
Then the smell of pipe smoke, and of cinders and coke,
Was more than enough to remind him.

"Oh Gee" said our Jacob, "Oh Gosh and Oh Boy"
He was scared but he didn't start crying.
"Whoever is there, I believe you I swear.
And Mitchell and Ben are both lying."

A furry warm glove, patted Jacob with love
And a rumbly soft laugh reassured him.
"I'm proud of you boy, you're a true Christmas joy,
For you didn't think first of yourself,
But the love of another, your Father your Mother,
And tonight you're my new Christmas Elf."

Then at Jacobs request, Santa had a small rest,
While Jacob helped empty his pack
They shook hands and smiled, the Saint and the child
And he promised next year he'd be back.

Jacob's now ten, so are Mitchell and Ben,
And all of them know what is true.
Santa's real and he's smart, he lives in your heart.
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by Tamara Collins

Christmas is celebrated by millions of people around the world on the same day, but not in the same way.

According to Elizabeth and Lupita, two public school teachers from Mexico, Christmas in Canada, and in particular Didsbury and surrounding areas, is very different from Christmas in Mexico.

"They said that Christmas there is a very religious celebration," said Anne Code, friend of women. "They don't focus on Santa or presents, just spending time with family."

These two women, along with a group of other public school teachers from Mexico, visited the area from Nov. 9 till Dec. 6. The group stayed at the Olds College, and attended seminars teaching them lesson plans to take home with them and assist them in teaching English to their students.

While here Elizabeth and Lupita spent time with Code and her family, telling them about their Christmas ways.

"They did say that after going home, they see that even Christmas in Mexico is becoming more commercialized than it traditionally was," said Code. "It is still far more commercialized here though."

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas here without the white fluffy snow covering the trees and the ground. In Mexico, Christmas averages about 20 degrees.

"When they were here it was very cold and snowy," said Code. "They loved the snow, but hated the cold weather, they just aren't used to it."

Another big difference in our Christmas is what we eat.

A traditional Mexican Christmas dinner is fresh fruit and vegetables, tortillas, salsas, limes, avocados, and chilli, just to name a few. In Canada a traditional Christ-

mas feast consists of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, corn, gravy, and every family has their own special dishes.

Even with all these differences, one Christmas ritual is shared by all, the Christmas tree. Even in Mexico they put up a tree in advance to admire and anticipate the big day.

"They are like us in many ways," said Code. "Sure their Christmas is different, but like us they have struggles and worries. Some things all people share."



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ALBERTA 4-H

Alberta saves environment and helps 4-H groups

by Tamara Collins

Local 4-H groups were pleased to once again receive free mats from Alberta's tire recycling program. Hundreds of anti-fatigue flooring mats, made out of recycled tire materials, were donated to Alberta's rural communities.

Seventy mats have been made available to each Agriculture Service Board (ASB) so they can provide them to 4-H groups to use at livestock

shows.

These mats which are manufactured in Alberta from rubber crumb, provide cushioning and improved safety and comfort over traditional flooring materials such as carpet.

The Tire Recycling Management Association of Alberta (TRMA), the organization with the challenge of dealing with Alberta's scrap tires, partnered with the ASBs to effectively distribute these unique mats to Albertans.

"We are pleased to provide these mats to our province's rural communities as they illustrate that Alberta's tire recycling program is working and providing benefits that extend well beyond our primary goal of a cleaner environment," said Sid Hinton, chairman, TRMA. "Over the past decade, communities have invested significantly in tire recycling by collecting and transporting scrap tires. By seeing the end result, products manufactured from

old tires, Albertans are able to realise the benefits of their recycling efforts."

This new industry has evolved right here in Alberta, an industry that uses all the three million scrap tires discarded in Alberta every year, and produces a valuable resource.

Other uses for these scrap tires are floor mats, playground tiles,



Above is an example of the mats, and what they can be used for at the 4-H shows.

and interlocking patio bricks.

"It's exciting to see the benefits of the provincial tire recycling program come full circle with Albertans in their communities," said Alberta Environment Minister Lorne Taylor. "From poured-in-place playgrounds to brick sidewalks, we are seeing tires, which would normally end up in a landfill, taking on a new and productive life."

Alberta's tire recycling program is increasingly recognized as a leader in Canada and around the world.

Since 1992, 30 million scrap tires have been recycled in Alberta and taxpayers have saved an estimated \$200 million in landfill costs.

"The huge piles of scrap tires that once existed around the province have been eliminated and gone with them are the potential environment and health hazards they posed," said Hinton.

Groups interested in using the recycled rubber, anti-fatigue mats, are asked to contact their local Agricultural Service Board.

May the joy and peace of
Christmas always be with you!

Merry Christmas

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NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Rural Christmas light judging

by Marge St. Clair

If you are interested in being a member of the Centennial Comm. please get your name in to Rhonda Hunter at the Town Office now so that meetings can start in Jan. 04. And get your ideas for a logo down pat and entered from Jan. 1/04 to Mar. 31/04. When the selection is made, the logo will be used for promotion by the Town on all souvenirs and events through the year 2005.

Dec. 17th - 19th
Rural residents will have their light displays judged from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. by members of the Chamber of Commerce on these 3 nights. Plaques are awarded to the winners in the rural and town lights by the C. of C.

Thurs. Dec. 18
Midway Community School will hold the annual Christmas Concert at the school at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

Dec. 19
Cribbage will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Coffee and goodies served to finish off a great evening. Cribbage will resume again on Jan. 2/04.

Fri. Dec. 19

The Bergen Community Christmas Concert will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Bergen Hall. Please call 638-4008 or 638-4129 if you have questions or if you would like to participate or help.

Sat. Dec. 20

This is the last home game of the Mountain View Colts at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. before Christmas. Come out and support your home team when they play against Three Hills.

Sat. Dec. 20

Remember also, this is the last day entries will be taken for the Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel being held Jan. 5 - 10/04. Phone Neil Youngs at 335-4496.

Mon. Dec. 22

Starting today, the Holiday Fun Camps for children aged 6 yrs. - 12 yrs. will be held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex and will continue Dec. 23, Dec. 29, Dec. 30 & 31. All kinds of activities are planned, swimming, skating, a winter treasure hunt etc. etc. Pre-registrations are being taken at the Aquatic Centre or you can phone 335-7369 for more info. If you have to work

over the holidays, these camp days will help you solve some problems about child care during your working hours.

Wed. Dec. 31

Get your tickets now from Clint 335-8053 or Lori 335-4485 for the New Year's Eve dance at Mountain View Hall. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner (Prime Rib) at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by the dance. Party favors for all.

On the Friday night of the Zone 2 Ladies Playdowns at the Didsbury Curling Rink, Ward Value Drug Mart sponsored a draw to the button contest. The measurements were all made and coming out victorious were Jessica Elliot and Bert Pringle. Congrats. They now go on to Red Deer to compete on the Fri. night of the Scott Tournament of Hearts in Feb./04.



photo by Tamara Collins

Little Christmas helpers

Laura Lee Hrabok, vice principal of Ross Ford presented Linda Sirr with a cheque for a \$1,000 for Christmas hampers. The money was raised through a White Elephant sale the school had last week. The children are always doing food hampers for their Kids Helping Kids program. The teachers adopted two families this year.

Season's Greetings



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and a Happy New Year!

Paul & Joyce Bayfield
& Staff

Have A Happy Holiday!

All the best to you and yours for a beautiful holiday season. Its been a privilege and a pleasure serving you. Thanks to everyone!

Kevin and Staff
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NEIGHBORHOOD

Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: My boyfriend doesn't talk to me very much. He's just a very quiet and shy person. Will he always be this way? I wish he'd tell me what he's thinking and feeling.

DR. DOBSON: Your question reminds me of a 12-year-old boy who had never spoken a word. His parents and siblings thought he couldn't talk because they'd never heard his voice. Then one day the boy's mother placed some soup in front of him and he ate a spoonful. Then he pushed the bowl away and said, "This is slop, and I won't eat any more of it!" The family was ecstatic. He'd actually spoken a complete sentence. They all jumped around gleefully, and his father said, "Why haven't you ever talked to us before?" The boy replied, "Because up until now, everything has been OK." Maybe your boyfriend will surprise you one day with a flurry of words, but I doubt it. Shyness and an introverted personality result primarily from an inborn temperament that tends to be very persistent throughout life. Research shows that approximately 15 percent of children are genetically programmed to be somewhat introverted like your friend and that most of them will always be that way. It appears that some people just seem to be born "noisy," and others prefer to keep their thoughts to themselves. Your boyfriend may be one of the latter. If you choose to marry him, I hope you'll do so with your eyes wide open. You're probably not going to change him. Many women fall in love with the strong, silent type and then resent their men for the rest of their lives because they won't talk to them.

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QUESTION: I'm the boyfriend who doesn't talk very much. I've been that way all of my life. Part of the problem is that I just don't like to reveal what I'm feeling. But also, I don't know how to talk to people. I get really uncomfortable when I'm with people and I'm expected to say things. Can you give me some hints about how to express myself?

DR. DOBSON: It might help you to understand the basics of good conversation. Let me ask you to imagine that the two of us are facing each other about eight feet apart. You have four tennis balls in your hands, and you toss one of them to me. Instead of throwing the ball back, however, I hold it and wait for you to toss another to me. Eventually, all four balls are in my hands. We stand there looking at each other awkwardly and wondering what to do next. The game is over. Good conversation is something like that game of catch. One person throws an idea or a comment to the other, and he or she then tosses it back. But if that second person doesn't return it, the game ends. Both players feel awkward and wish they could be somewhere else. Let me illustrate further. Suppose I say to my son when he comes home in the afternoon, "How did it go in school today?" If he answers, "Fine," he has caught the ball and held it. We have nothing more to say to each other unless I can come up with another comment — another "ball" to throw to him. But if my son says, "I had a good day because I got an A on my history test," he has caught the ball and thrown it back. I can then say, "Was it a difficult test?" or "Did you study hard for it?" or "I'll bet you're proud of yourself." If my son replies, "Yes," he has wrecked the game again. To keep the conversation going, he needs to throw back something of substance, such as, "It was a tough exam, but it was fair." Then our "game" can continue. As for your relationship with a future wife, it won't be enough to just throw the ball back to her. She's going to want you to be more intimate than that. She'll need to know how you feel about her, what you dream about, things that upset you, what you'd like her to do, etc. You can learn to put these thoughts into words, even though you will probably never be a big talker. I suggest that you push yourself in this direction rather than saying, "That's just how I am." Your wife will probably have to make some changes to accommodate you, too. That's what a good marriage is all about.

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Bancroft
W.I.

by Eva Page

Ten members & one visitor met at the home of Susan Page for our Christmas meeting. We sang "Joy to the World", each member brought an item for the food bank & 4 doz. cookies. We each paid 51¢ for A.C.W.W. & recorded 78 hours for W.I.

We received what we had wanted to accomplished in 2003. Most of us did some or all of these things from planning a reunion, a family history to crocheting a tablecloth & cleaning out closets. Memorial write up for past member Juan Patterson will be sent to Home & Country. A report was given from Midway Recreational committee & will be dealt with in the New Year. Two of our members would like to back off from W.I. business, as they are finding their lives much too busy.

An afghan was donated by one of our members. This we will give to a member in the Lodge.

Christmas cards will be sent to former members & W.I. executive.

The contents of our birthday box will be sent to the office fund.

We will have our card parties at Midway School again beginning Jan. 9, if the school is available & hostesses were chosen for this.

Debbie Swanson showed us all how to make an angel from beads, so we all went home with a new tree ornament.

We packed 12 boxes of cookies to be given to Lodges etc. & exchanged gifts.

Merry Christmas everyone.

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Priest: the Rev. Bob Bettson
B.A., M.Div. Home: 335-9123
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Second and fourth Sunday's
Mid-week service every third Wednesday at 9:30 am.
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Youth Pastor Colin Creighton
Sept. 17/03
Sunday School (all ages): 9:30 am
Worship Celebration: 10:45 am
Life groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

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Didsbury, Alberta
5km South of the Didsbury overpass
8km East on Berghol Rd.
Sunday School: 9:45am
Sunday Worship Service: 10:55am
Pastor: Elwin Garland
For more information ph. 335-4451

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1500-23st.
Rev. Robert Melms
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School: 9:30a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30a.m.
Worship: 10:30a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30a.m.
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors
Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week.

St. Anthony's Catholic
2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury
For more information, please contact
Claude Baril @ 335-3842
Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Jim Myhre 335-3633

If you would like to attend Mass in Olds,
but require a ride, we have parishioners
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**Mountain View
Evangelical Missionary Church**
(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
For info. Concerning weekly activities
please call the Church office.

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SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching
for all ages - Nursery Service
Every Sunday at 6 p.m. Worship & Prayer
ph/fx: 335-3551 email: wccs@ccinet.ab.ca
Call 335-3323 for Open Sky Learning Centre
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Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope
See you at the centre!

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Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.
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This Sunday

Faces



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Local actresses proudly portray Mary at live nativity pageant



Hillary Magnus,
Mary

This weekend may be just like any other for most of the 13-year-olds in the area, but for Hillary Magnus and Audrey Milford, the three-day outdoor performance of the Live Nativity at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be one of the highlights of their year.

Both Magnus and Milford will be alternately playing the role of Mary in the annual Christmas presentation taking place just outside the Church premises December 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Hillary Magnus resides from Carstairs, while Audrey Milford comes from the Sundre area. "I like playing the part of Mary because she had such total and complete faith," Hillary Magnus explains.

Magnus will play Mary the first night of the performance (Sunday, December 21st) while Milford will play Mary Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd.

Milford says it's important people of all faiths come and hear the story of the very first Christmas. "With everything that's on TV now it's hard for us to remember what Christmas is really even about. I think this would definitely be a good reminder to everyone of why we have a Christmas at all." Perhaps like Mary herself, both Magnus and Milford are excited and (maybe just a bit) anxious as the big day draws near, but both agree that playing the role of a

mother-to-be is truly a blessing. "Mary is such a great person," says Audrey Milford. "With everything she went through she never lost her faith in God. I think it would be very hard to have gone through what she did..."

Both Magnus and Milford have played the role of Mary previously, yet each year's production carries a new significance in their lives. "This is my second year doing this," says Hillary Magnus. "...It makes Christmas more meaningful to me. I used to go and watch it (the live nativity) every year and now that I'm actually involved in it I find the whole story so much more meaningful."



Audrey Milford,
Mary

Actor builds on last year's nativity performance as Joseph



Clint Magnus,
Joseph

Clint Magnus will once again be playing the role of Joseph in this year's Live Nativity production taking place at Redeemer Lutheran Church - a role he has worked hard to perfect.

It could be said that he was type-cast for the part. Both Magnus and Joseph, for example, have similarly risen above difficult situations. Joseph had the task of leading his expectant wife Mary to Bethlehem during times of turmoil and uncertainty and Magnus in his efforts to take on the well-

established role of Joseph, which he did last year, without previous experience or much preparation.

Magnus' challenge - while differing in detail - proved to also be one requiring much courage. "This is my second year playing Joseph," explains Magnus. "The role was chosen for me last year and was a bit overwhelming...I was taking over from where Howard Krebs left off before his passing. He had played that part for over 20 years or so and I knew I had some pretty big shoes to fill if I

was going to be the next Joseph."

But facing a challenge is only one of the parallels one can draw between Magnus and the religious character he portrays in the Nativity. Like Joseph, Magnus and his family will also soon be on the move. While they won't be venturing as far as Bethlehem, the Magnus family will be moving to Edmonton to allow Clint to pursue ministerial studies at Concordia University College.

Magnus realizes his portrayal of Joseph in the Nativity

production at Redeemer Lutheran Church is an important one. "The story of the Nativity is the whole reason we have Christmas to begin with," he says.

"I think so often the real story gets lost in the shopping and the buying of gifts. When people hear about the birth of Jesus again it reminds them how special this time of year really is...Being involved in this really put a lot into Christmas for me and I hope it does the same for those who come out to watch it."

Role of heavenly angel takes Didsbury teen to new heights

Fear - at least the fear of heights - is not a factor for Jennifer Wilshusen at Christmastime. Now 17, Jennifer has been playing the role of an angel high atop the roof of Redeemer Lutheran Church during the annual Live Nativity play since she was 11-years-old. "I'm not afraid of the roof," says Wilshusen. "I think it's important that people from the community come out to see

this (the Nativity production) and find out the true meaning of Christmas."

Wilshusen, who has also played the part of Mary and other heavenly angels in previous years, finds her recent role as Gabriel - the head angel - particularly fulfilling. "I just think Gabriel is a really good part of the program," says Wilshusen. "...It's kind of fun and once you have the costume on, it's easy to make it look real. The rest just kind of falls into place. Wilshusen appears in a flood of light atop Redeemer's highest rooftop peak emulating the infamous Gabriel who emerges from Heaven to spread the good news about the birth of a Savior - Christ the Lord which they would find wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger.

She will be accompanied (as

is told in Luke 2: 7-20) by a great company of the heavenly host all praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, peace to men on whom his favor rests." Anyone wishing to take in this year's Live Nativity and relive the very first Christmas is welcome to attend the outdoor performance at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury December 21st, 22nd, or 23rd at 7:45 pm.



Jennifer Wilshusen,
Gabriel



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laster. pes sud i haf a tratr set.
pes cud yoo bin a choelit for
my Dad. a pilcas fur my
mum. pes cud you get the wrd
clen wotr. Santa how do you
mac the turs. Santa how
mene eks do yoo haf. gud bi
Santa.

Love William Davey 1B

Dear Santa
Thanks for the bay blad
last yur. I would like a remot
monstr shruc Thoits yeur. ens
can yyou giv my Did a gun
ths yeur. cen you giv my mom
a jrle. cen you bring the world
pees. Santa haw elf do you
hav. Wes your birthday? hope
to see you agan

Love Jeff Griffiths 1B

Dear Santa
Thaks For The Blnkt that
I got las yer. can I please have
a Dol ths yer, a C.D. for my
mom and dad. I wed like sum
tols for my dad please. can uoy

please brg the wrd pess. wuts
your farat kulr and how Many
avfs do you have. good by
Santa

love Cassidy Reid 1B

Dear Santa
thanks for my race carset
las your. I wrd like a snobrd
ths yr and cad yow brng my
mom a jwlry sat and my dad a
gon ths yer. How much els so
you have.

Bye. Michael Heon 1B

Dear Santa
Thanks for my car sat Last
yer. Please ma you bring my
DaD and MoM and me a DVD
plar.

Can you brik my ant
Amandau sum gukre. can you
brik The wrld clen wotr. how
do you mac oys. I will se you
latr.

Love Tyler McKenna 1B

Dear Santa
Thacs you four my urme
st last er. plus can you brg me

a Santa Soot thes er. Will you
bring my mom a crn. Will you
bing my sisd a elf soot. Will
you bing The Wralod pis. How
mni elfs do you have. Wud do
you do on Saturday. Si you
on christmas.

Love Brendan McInnis 1B

Dear Santa
Thaks for the remote
contol tank. I would like a
army skidoo. Mom would like
ear rengs. my dad wants a
gun. please Bring food to the
world. How are the elves.

Love Kyle Fleischer 1B

Dear Santa
Thyk you for my Toe hors
last yere. I wot a toe dog please
this yr. please bring my mom
a cD. please bring my dad a
car. please bring The wrd pes.
Santa how old Are you. Santa
wot do you do on Thrsday and
Saturdays.

Love Kate-Lynn Gautreau 1B

Dear Santa
Thye you For my cat Last
yere. I wud Like a ber cat this
yr. ples bring my Dad a
stacnif. can you bring my
mom a C.D. can you bring my
Dad a C.D. can yiu brng me a
Del. santa how fat to be you
santa. doo you hoz 21000 alvs
I like you santa.

from Mikaela Munn 1B

Dear Santa.
Thank you for the DvD
player last year. Can you give
me some yo-gi-uh cards This
year my MoM would like a mug
my Dad would like some

money Could you Bring The
world peace please what do
you do on saturday? Whens
you'or Birthday? Hopwe to
see you agin.

Love Ben Strautman 1B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the baby
doll you jave me last year. I
want a pack of barbies please
this year, can you get a
chokalet please for my mum.
please can I get a pillow kase
for my dad. can you get the
wrold pease please. I love you
Santa. What is yore favorte
color Santa. hope to see you
Santa.

love Miranda Manion 1B

Dear Santa
Thanks for the Baby storl
lat yer. can you bring me
this yer a game called pupu
pirite. cud you get my mom
some joolry and cud you get
my dad some tols santa cud
you bring the wold some cleen
air. Santa how do you make
the toys? santa how meny
elves do you have? Santa ikts
fun wen you come to my
house

love Mikayla Holmes 1B

Dear Santa
Thye you For my akordeein
last yere. please can i have a
rismise trane and a mouse
trap and a njia trtles. ples
can you bring my sum Dad sum
tilse and my Mom sum
Jelooree can you bring the
wrlt pees. How old rae you?
How do you make the toys? i
love you Santa

from Evan Seendsen 1B

Dear Santa
Thacs you four my Babe
doll last yere. ples kun I have
a brb doll This yere. please kun
you B ring my mom a sd plae
This yere. please kun you
Bring my dada a now druser.
please kun you Bring some pes
on rth Santa wot do you like
to bo on Saturday. Santa wot
do you like four your fod.
Good By Santa

love Elizabeth Thompson 1B

Dear Santa.
Thank you for The
choklits last yeat. please can I
have a woter botul this
chrismais this year. please can
you bring my Brther a stuff
dinossor this year, please can
you get Mom and Dad a
cuking set this year. Can you
bring the pour peplel some
food. Santa wen is your

birhtday. How do you make
all the toys. I'll see you at
chrismais.

Love Carly Dunn 1B

Dear Santa
Thanks for the CD last yeir.
this yor kud you ples breg me
a spiyceet. can you ples get my
mom a hat and can you ples
get my dad a gun. Santa ples
breg The world pees. Santa
wen is it your brhtay. Santa
how do you fly around the
world. Santa I Love you.

Love Kyra Paulgaard 1B

Dear Santa
thanks you for the Braeder
last year I want a toy Horse
this year pleis. please cud you
get my mom a cudle bera. cud
you gev my busdrivr a doll
please can you give the wrld
wodr. How do you klim the
shemne how do you make toys

Love Jordyn Anderson 1B

Dear Santa.
Thaq for the radeo las year.
I wud please like a kitten Santa
This yaer wud you please giv
me mom a jowlre set. can you
Bring my sister a Blackit.
santa bring pees on rth. santa
how meny dear? santa how
moch do you way? I like
roodoff.

love Jordon Anderson 1B

Dear Santa.
Thaks for my arme set last
yeat. I would like a monster
tretk ths yer. Kan I have a kiet
ths yer. Kan u bring a radeo
for mom an my DaD ple. Ow
mainey rder do o af Was r farit
rndr. God by Santa

Love Liam Armsworthy 1B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the army
set fr4om last year. i would
like a quad suit. Can I have
three Yo-Gi-ho! decks and the
long road Nickel Back CD and
a hard metal CD too please
and therr toy quad and the
new crf dirt bike and a skate
bord. please bring my dad a
new quad please bring my
mom a surprise. please bring
food for ore world.

from Irwin Mahon 1C/2B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the book. I
would like a Barbie My Mom
would like a brush Please
bring medicine fou our world.
How does the sleigh go in
sandy places?

Love Mattea Klinck 1C/2B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the toys. i
would like a new pronsess
Barbie set. My Mom Would like
a new Brush. Please bring wa-
ter to our world. How is
Rudolph and The elves?

Love Breanna Redman 1C/2B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the car. I
would like 50 Yu Gi Oh decks.
My DaD would like a new car.
Please bring peace to our
world. When is your birthday?

Love Jace Sorensen 1C/2B

DEAR SANTA

ThAnk you for the toys. I
would like some stuff for my
train set my mom would Like
some jewelry. Please Bring food
for our world. How do you land
IN Hawaii?

Love LACHLAN McLean 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for the Barbie
you gave me last year. This
year I would like a Big stuffed
bear. My mom would like a
candle. Please bring food and
water for our world. How is
Rudolph and how many elves
do you have too?

Love Darby Nugent 1C/2B

Dear Santa

thank youi for a clip. I
would like you. My mom would
like money. Please bring peace
for our world. How are you.

Love Alena Eaton 1C/2B

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for all the stuff.
I would like a horse set with a
lot of toy horses and a barn
and a family and a gate. My
dad would like some parts.
How is Rudolph?

Love Jessica Archer 1C/2B

I love you.

Dear Santa

Thank you for the things
you gave me last Christmas. I
would like a collection of an-
cient rocks this year please. My
dad would probalely like more
coffee. Please bring food for
our world. When is Mrs. Clas'
birthday? P.S. I'm going to
Montana this year.

Love Renee Christen Penner 1C/2B

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Elmeda Hartmann

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& Staff

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS**



Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season
From the Didsbury & District Fire Authority



NEIGHBORHOOD

DIDSBURY AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Up And Down The Fireman's Ladder

by Tyrone Patten

I've said it before, and I'll say it again - time flies. Once again I find myself writing my last column of the year. Wondering what exciting things we will experience in a new year always excites me. I hope that it will be wonderful for everyone.

Quite some time ago I reported that Todd Paulson,

Jenni Dodman, Spencer MacPherson and Matt Hnatiuk had taken the Firefighter III (\$500) course in Carstairs. Congratulations are in order as each of these people passed. Great job, everyone!

If you recall earlier this summer I reported that Shell donated some money for us to use as we saw fit. Well, we used it to buy a new

generator that we will put on the new Rescue Unit that we will be building in the New Year. Also, we used some of the money we made at this year's cabaret to buy a new pump for the Jaws-of-Life. Again, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

On December 6th we had our family Christmas party. Everyone always looks forward to this event as it is one of the few times in a year that we have a get-together with our families included. As in years past, we recognized some of the members with service awards. This year we honoured Mike O'Dell with a handsome plaque for 15 years of dedicated service. Many of these years

Mike has served as our Training Officer. Scott Wright and Paul Bernier were both presented with plaques for 5 years of service and Spencer MacPherson and Todd Hnatiuk were presented with 1-year plaques. We also honoured our Rookie Of The Year. This honour goes to the person who goes above and beyond the call and gives 110% even on the dirty jobs, without complaint. This year all the members chose Ashley Stewart as Rookie Of The Year. Congratulations to each of you on your achievements!

Since last report we responded to 12 calls. These were:

- Ambulance Assist - 6
- MVA's - 3
- Structure Fires - 1
- HazMat - 1
- Alarm, no fire - 1


As we start to celebrate the Christmas season, let's all remember to keep our homes fire safe. Keep candles and other open flames well away from your tree and things like curtains. Also, keep in mind that since

**On behalf of
all the members
of the
Didsbury Fire
Department,
I would like to
wish everyone a
very
Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.**

Tyrone Patten

candles become shorter as they burn, it's important to remember to have them on a fireproof base.

On behalf of all the members of the Didsbury Fire Department, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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ST. CYPRIAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Good news and great joy

by Bob Bettson

"In that region there were shepherds living in their fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the City of David, a saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2:8-11

Christmas has memories for all of us. And undoubtedly those memories are often a mix of the secular Christmas and our annual observance as Christians of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

For the secular Christmas there is feasting, parties, shopping, gift-giving, and decorating. For our Christian celebration there is Christmas caroling, Nativity pageants, Christmas Eve services by candlelight, the creche in our own homes, hearing the familiar Gospel stories of Matthew and Luke.

For some Christmas memories can be painful, because of loss of a loved one, family separation or divorce, addictions, and depression. It's hard when it seems like everyone else is celebrating and all you can feel is pain.

But the good news which the Angel announced to the frightened shepherds that night that Jesus was born, is good news

"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the City of David, a saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2:8-11

for all humanity for all time.

God so loved the world that He sent his son to come among us—God incarnate in human form.

Our material memories of Christmas may pass away. But the wonder of this story we tell every year of the birth of our Saviour can bring great joy, and great peace, if we have faith.

Perhaps the greatest gift of Christmas is that it brings families and communities together in celebration. Our love for God is not just reflected in our individual relationship with Jesus, it is most fully expressed when we care for others.

That's why this is also a time of year when we remember those less fortunate, and share some of the bounty God has given us.

The spirit of giving is the message of Charles Dickens' perennial favourite "The Christmas Carol."

And with affluence many of us share in today that message has never been more vital. It is our responsibility in Christian love and charity to give not only to our churches, but many worthy charitable causes in the community, our nation and the world.

Christmas brings us "good news of great joy." May this joy abound in our lives, helping us as we face the challenges of the New Year.

Service Times

Sun. Dec. 21- 10:30 am Holy

Eucharist with special Christmas musical presentation by children and youth.

Wed. Dec. 24- 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Communion with Strings

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion with Strings

Sun. Dec. 28-8:30 Holy Eucharist, 10:30 Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols with St. Cyprian's Choir.

LETTERS continued from Page B9**Dear Santa Claus**

Thank you for My Doll. I play with My Doll. Can you please bring My Mom earrings and my brother some cars. I would like doll clothes and a Book. Please bring our world love. How do your elves make toys? How do your reindeer fly?

Love Amy Brazzale 1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my umbrella. Can you please bring my baby sister a rattle. I would like a Barbie. Please bring our world food. How do the elves make toys?

Love Brianna Fedorak 1A

Dear Santa Claus.

thank you for my playdough. Can

you please bring my mom a sweater. I would like polly pocket mall. please bring our world. water to drink. How is Rudolph? How are your reindeer? How do reindeers fly?

Love Morgan Onishenko 1A

Dear Santa Claus

thank you for My Book. I red it. Can you please bring a waging dog for My Mom. She would like it. And can you please bring My dad a puppy. And can you please bring My brother a remote control car set. I would like a lock up diary and a toy star that makes music. Please bring our world love. How do your reindeer fly? How do yor elvs Make the toys.

love Mikaela Epp 1A



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Merry Christmas

Gordie Reimer & Staff

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NEIGHBORHOOD

ZION EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH

How will you spend Christmas?

Grant Sikstrom
Senior Pastor

We at Zion Church have every reason to be excited about Christmas this is year. Of course, we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. What could be more exciting than to realize that God loved the world so much He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life? (John 3:16) This Advent season we've been

pondering the question, "How will you spend Christmas this year?" There will be the cynics who see it as a time to spend and make money. Some will be gracious and extend good wishes to family, friend and neighbor. But for those who know and love Jesus Christ, Christmas is a time for reverent worship and thanksgiving. So, yes, we are very enthused about Christmas if for no other reason than Jesus came into our world. But it's also our first Christ-

mas in our new home! We moved to our new facilities last March and have taken the last few months to settle in. We have added space. We have a beautifully decorated sanctuary for worship. We are so grateful to God for His help on this incredible journey and the new opportunities He's given us. One tradition we intend to keep is our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Over the years, many from our community have taken time to worship on this most holy of nights.

We hope you will come and share our first Christmas Eve, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with hot apple cider and fellowship. Then our Candlelight service at 7:00 p.m. It's going to be a wonderful evening. "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

From the family at Zion Church, our best wishes for a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Christmas at Home

Holiday spirits are building and we hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends this season.

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Gold Seal Homes among top five in Canada

by Tamara Collins

Gold Seal Homes Inc. has been chosen as a finalist in the Canadian Home Builder's Association 2003 National Awards for Single Detached home over 3,500 square feet.

This nomination places Gold Seal Homes among the top five builders in Canada for the most prestigious award category.

"Pride is not a powerful enough word to describe our feelings regarding this nomination," said Murray Pound, owner. This selection is a wonderful reward for the work done by our staff and team of trades.

Special thanks should also go to all of our clients for their enthusiasm and confidence.

Gold Seal has been building in the Didsbury and Carstairs communities for the past 15 years. They were

also nominated earlier in the year as a finalist for the Alberta Home Builder's Association Awards for Building Excellence. "There was some pretty intense criteria," said Pound. "We were surprised, it is a heck of an achievement for a small town builder."

A few of the criterias were, curb appeal, functionality of the floor plan, energy efficient features, indoor air quality, overall value, and statements from homeowners talking about the building of the house.

"Any builder in Canada can enter," said Pound. "We are in the top five with some pretty big, known builders."

The house Gold Seal won for was built this past year. They were also nominated earlier in the year as a finalist for the Alberta Home Builder's Association Awards for Building Excellence.



Come All Ye Faithful

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the miracle of Christmas, and wish you all a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

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"At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."
-Thomas Toner

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MJ and Staff



Happy Christmas

May you enjoy a season
full of much love and
laughter with
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Thanks!

Darlene
Carrie and Sarah



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NEIGHBORHOOD

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Party in the Barn

by Pastor Robert Mohns

Many births today take place in the hospital environment or at home. By way of contrast, as a sign of his love for the poor and lowly of this world, God chose a barn as the place for his son's birth.

We see God's grace revealed in that humble barn. I love farms and animals and barns but sometimes the aroma of the barn leaves something to be desired. The home of goats, sheep and oxen was the place where the Creator Lord took on human flesh and blood. The barn is the place where the promises of God came together in Christ. God does not shrink from the barns of his creation. For a people living in the stench of this sin-infested world ripe with violence, hatred and abuse; for a people who themselves are ripe with sin, who live alienated, lonely lives because of sin and evil, this is great news. God loves us. He pays no attention to the odor. Like the father whose prodigal son returned God comes to us, puts his arms around us and kisses us. That is what he does for us in Jesus, who was born in a barn in Bethlehem.

Paul writes, "When the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved

us, not as a result of the righteous things we had done, but in accord with his own mercy. He saved us by means of the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour. (Titus 3:4-6)

Anyone who has a barn knows that kind of work requires love, care and compassion that is not always returned or appreciated. It takes a great deal of giving and self-sacrificing, the kind of giving and self-sacrificing Paul speaks of as he writes of Christ: "who, existing in God's form, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing in that he took a slave's form when he got to be in human likeness." (Philippians 2:6-7). The newborn calf or kitten in a barn reminds us of the Creator's promise of life and the future. Christ Jesus, Son of God, lovingly condescends to come to this world to be born in a team to show us his love, care and compassion.

When the Shepherds heard the angels' announcement they went with haste to see the Christ. They came, saw and were conquered by the sight. They celebrated the event that brought them good

news of great of joy. Their celebration grew and grew. It did not end. It does not end.

The party in the barn has no end. It continues each day. As we come into this season of Christmas we join the unending celebration of our Lord's birth, his suffering, death, His resurrection and glorious Ascension, and His impending return. We come in excitement, anticipation, and joy to celebrate the gift of God's Son and our Savior, born to us.

The members of Redeemer Lutheran Church invite you to join them at the barn to hear and see the glorious announcement of our Savior's birth. On Dec. 21, 22, 23 at 7:45 pm the annual live nativity will take place on the front lawn. We also invite you to join us in worshipping Jesus our Savior on Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm and again on Dec. 25 at 10:30 am.



photo by Tamara Collins

Donation

Madonna Penner donated \$400 to the Outreach School from the Knox United Church Thrift Store. The money will go towards the school's Hot Lunch Program, where the students receive a free hot lunch every Friday.



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

-John 3:16

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**REJOICE
IN HIS
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*"God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day."*

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The Season to Count Our Blessings

This has been a tough year - in many ways. Our agriculture and food industry has been challenged on virtually every front and the impact has been difficult and far reaching for many people in Mountain View County - from farming families to the many businesses who rely on rural customers for trade and commerce.

It's been said that tough times bring out the best in people and how true that is for our community. Through these difficult times we've been blessed with everyday reminders of the rural values we hold dear - good neighbors you can count on; a positive outlook in bleak circumstances; businesses that keep growing and adapting to change and progress; helping hands at churches and community organizations.

Rural Alberta has weathered tough times before and we will again because we're blessed with people who have resilience and good old fashioned "get on with it" attitude. Seasons greetings to you all - and here's to a New Year filled with hope.

Reeve Ian Harvie

NEIGHBORHOOD

H2....UH-OH - Plumbing issues

by Homemaster

From causing expensive structural damage to unhealthy mold, water is one element that's best kept outside the home.

Just one little constant drip gone unnoticed for too long can result in thousands of dollars worth of damage behind walls, on structural beams, even the foundation. According to the HouseMaster Resale Home Deficiencies Survey, conducted by the leading home inspection organization in the U.S. and Canada, structural damage, plumbing systems and water seepage are three of the most commonly found defects in older homes for sale.

"Sometimes, particularly with first-time homebuyers, the more obvious cosmetic home concerns, such as landscaping, painting and flooring overshadow the more critical issues, such as water damage, which can have serious consequences and cost quite a bit to correct or repair," cautions Richard Golumbia, Didsbury-local director of HouseMaster. Below, Golumbia highlights some home water defects that may end up leaving you with a big, wet headache in the end:

* **Water Seepage/Wet Basements** - Small cracks in the foundation and porous walls, combined with heavy rains and a high water table can result in pressure

build up against the foundation, and/or water leaking into a home's basement. If left unattended, this could cause serious and costly structural concerns. Make sure small foundation cracks are sealed. More importantly, make sure surface water run-off is draining away from the house. This can often be done by improving the grading of the soil around the perimeter of the home so that water flows away from the house. Also make sure that gutter downspouts are directed away from the foundation.

* **Roof Leaks** - The most vulnerable area of any roof is the roof flashing.

Flashings are found anywhere

the roof plane changes, such as at a chimney or plumbing vent. Flashings are prone to leakage and must be periodically checked and maintained. If you don't regularly go up into your attic except to take down seasonal decorations or boxes, try to check the interior of your roof at least once per season. Constant leakage into an attic can cause expensive damage and/or mold growth in insulation or on other roofing elements. Roof leaks caught early can result in big savings to your annual home maintenance budget.

* **Mold** - You can't have mold without water. The best way to mold-proof your home is to keep your home as dry as possible. This

takes constant vigilance. Identify plumbing leaks early, watch for water seepage of any kind, and maintain piping of all kinds. A leaking air conditioning condensation line is the perfect environment for rapid mold growth.

* **Lead Contamination in Drinking Water** - Solder typically used to join the seams of most copper water piping prior to the mid-1980s contained lead that can leach into your home's water supply. The highest probability for elevated lead in water levels typically exists when the water supply is acidic. Identification of a concern is simple. Take samples of your water to a testing lab to determine the presence of lead. Be sure to consult the lab as to how to properly take the samples so your results are accurate.

If notable levels of lead are found in the potable water source, further investigation would be appropriate in order to determine specific corrective measures.

* **Poor Water Pressure** - Poor water pressure doesn't only make for a poor quality shower, but it is often the symptom of other conditions, such as water service supply deficiencies or costly piping upgrades.

Before any measures are taken, a determination should be made of possible cause(s), beginning with the least problematic, such as blocked faucet aerators, partially closed valves or defective faucets. If your home has old galvanized piping, the issue may be interior corrosion/deposit build-up, which is common with this type of plumbing.

Merry Christmas
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HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
TO ALL!

As we wrap
up another year,
we wish you all the
blessings of the
holiday season
and thank you for
the courtesy and
friendship you've
shown to us
this past year.

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AND GERRI ANDERSON

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NEIGHBORHOOD

LETTERS FROM NIGERIA

The story of the Snyders and their adventures



type wheelchairs. After many years of having to depend on others just to get around, they now had mobility.

This was the result of the elementary schools Christmas service project to help the Good Shepherd Ministry. Each of the five classes (grades 1-5) was going to try to raise enough money for one wheelchair. Each wheelchair costs about 10,500 naira (about \$700 US). A group in the US had agreed to match 40% of what the students raised. They didn't know what they were getting themselves into. Each class came up with a way to raise money. One class had a pizza sale at lunchtime. Another sold drinks like Koolaid and lemonade after school for several days. The first grade class got people to pledge money for the number of spelling words they could earn. Altogether the elementary students raised 274,959 naira - more than enough for 20 wheelchairs. The extra money will be used to buy Bibles to give out with the chairs. (All wheelchair recipients are either going

to school, learning a trade or working. If they are found begging the wheelchairs will be taken from them.)

This is not the first time the school has helped Good Shepherd Ministry but it is the first time the elementary school has taken on a project like this and had such an overwhelming response. It was great to see the pride in the students eyes as they saw the reality of what they had been a part of, as handicapped people were matched up with wheelchairs and taught how to use them. The first grade students were quite impressed with how the b r a k e worked. I know there were tears in

the eyes of many of the adults there as we witnessed the people coming in, knowing that they would be able to leave much more easily.

One of the things Good Shepherd Ministry is hoping to do in the future is to train some of the recipients of the wheelchairs how to make the chairs. This will help to reduce the cost of the chairs and make it possible

for more to get them.

Monday will be our last day of regular classes this semester. Tuesday through Thursday, the middle school and high school students have semester exams. Friday we have closing chapel and then we are done until January 14.

In Christ,
Dan and Janet

Dear family and friends,
They came into the Hillcrest elementary chapel. Some, with matchstick legs and knobby, calloused knees crawled in. Others were carried in on piggyback. Some hobbled in on homemade crutches or leaned on others for help. Two men, one at her shoulders and one at her feet carried one older lady, whose legs didn't work at all, in. All told, there were twenty of them, ranging in age from children of about 8-10 years old to the older woman. Most were victims of polio. All struggled to get in but all left with new hand-pedaled tricycle-

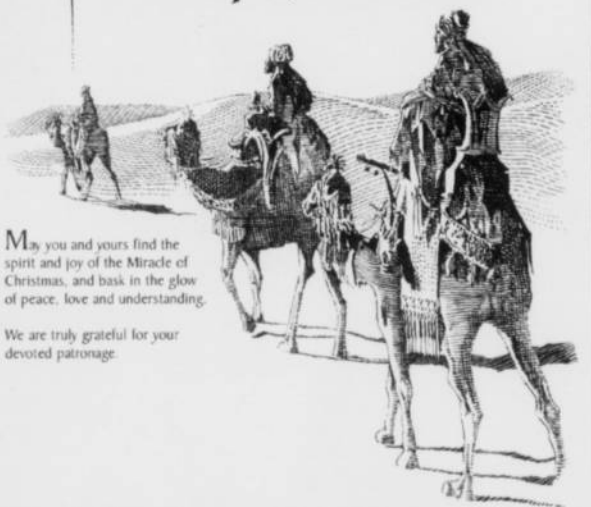
Christmas time is Here!

The sound of sleigh bells ringing, you know he's on his way!
Our jolly man appears at last, it must be Christmas Day!
To all of our good friends, have a wonderful holiday.

Gary, Barb & staff

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of the Season

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With Best Wishes
At Christmas

To all our customers, neighbors and such,
Your visits this year have meant so much to us!
Your patronage, friendship and your kind attitude,
Have given us lots of reasons for gratitude;
That's why we really mean it when we display,
Our best wishes to you for a great holiday!

Marg, Murray, John,
Bruce, Mel & Sarah

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Helping Hands

Household Goods Thrift Store, Ev Peters and staff, present a cheque for \$5,000 to Shirley Portingale, from the Mountain View Housing Foundation. The cheque is for the Aspen Ridge Senior's Housing, and will go towards one of the lounges.



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"
-Luke 2:14

We'd like to join you and your family, in singing His praises, as we share the spirit of this holy season.

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Season's Greetings and best wishes for a prosperous new year!



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WELCOME THE SEASON



It may be cold outside, but our hearts are warmed by thoughts of the many good folk we've had the privilege to serve this past year. We really appreciate your dropping in.

Paul, Patty & Staff
at
County Glass
& Didsbury Coin Laundry

Here Comes Christmas!



We couldn't have come this far without the support of good friends like you. Merry Christmas and many thanks for helping us go the distance.

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The First Christmas Tree

The story goes that in 1510, Martin Luther, a founder of the Protestant faith, was walking through a Riga forest one evening. He came upon a fir tree whose branches glistened in the light of the moon and stars. Impressed by its beauty, he chopped down a smaller tree and took it home for his children. To recreate the moonlight, he fixed candles to the branches. With that, the first decorated Christmas tree in history was born.
story by: Krista Tauris • Riga, Latvia

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